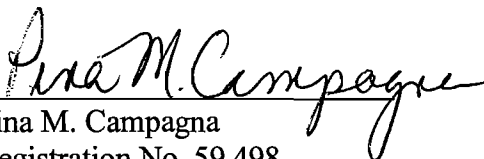


Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejected claims of the application, i.e., claims 1-25, are now in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or a personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the undersigned may be contacted at the number indicated below. In view of the foregoing remarks, early and favorable action on this application is earnestly solicited.

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